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SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH BOLIVIAN EX/PRESIDENT HERNAN SILES
ZUAZO

REF: LA PAZ 0152

1. POLCOUNS ABLE TO SEE EX-PRESIDENT SILES EVENING
JANUARY 18. SILES STATED HE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT
RETURN TO BOLIVIA UNTIL THERE IS A DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNMENT OR AT LEAST UNTIL BANZER IS OUT AND A
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT THERE IS BEING FORMED. HE ADDED THAT
HE DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE HE WILL BE GRANTED
AMNESTY BUT, IF GRANTED HE WILL NOT RPT NOT RETURN
TO BOLIVIA SO LONG AS BANZER IS IN POWER.

2. SILES SAID HE GAVE NEWS AGENCY EFE A STATEMENT
ON JANUARY 18 WHICH HE HOPES WILL BE CARRIED IN BOLIVIA.
IN THAT STATEMENT HE SAID HE ASSERTED THAT BANZER HAS
LOST ALL MORAL AUTHORITY TO GOVERN AND CALLED ON ALL
ELEMENTS OF SOCIETY, INCLUDING THE MILITARY, TO
SUPPORT A RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. ALTHOUGH
SILES IS NOT RPT NOT DOING ANYTHING IN SYMPATHY
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WITH HUNGER STRIKERS IN BOLIVIA, HE REPORTS THAT ABOUT
FIVE OR SIX BOLIVIANS ARE ON HUNGER STRIKE IN
CARACAS. THIS HAS ATTRACTED ONLY SLIGHT PRESS
ATTENTION.

3. SILES SAID HE HAS BEEN IN CARACAS FOR TWO YEARS.
HE LEFT ARGENTINA FOR VENEZUELA AFTER HAVING BEEN

OFFERED POLITICAL ASYLUM BY PRESIDENT PEREZ' ACCION
DEMOCRATIC PARRTY GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION
OF GENERAL J.J. OTRRES IN BUENOS AIRES.
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